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U. S. NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

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War Highlights

RUSSIA

The Red Army is fast closing in on the Black Sea port of Sevastopol, having captured Balaklava Tuesday.

The capture of Balaklava, made famous by the Light Brigade in the Crimean War of 1854, brings the Russians within easy artillery range of Sevastopol.

The front now extends 21 miles around Sevastopol from a point three miles on the north, eight miles east and five miles south of the port.

GERMANY

A force of about 2,000 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters raided Berlin, Tuesday dropping tons and tons of high explosives on German aircraft plants.

Nineteen of the American bombers and six fighters were shot down. At least 34 German planes were destroyed.

Targets in Belgium and along the French invasion coast also were attacked.

INDIA

British and Indian troops have dealt the Japanese heavy blows in the Imphal-Kohima region, according to reports from Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters at Ceylon.

An invading force estimated at 20,000 Japanese is trying to cut Lieutenant General Stilwell's supply line, while air-borne American and British forces are aiming the same blow at the Japanese.

PACIFIC

U. S. submarines sank 15 more Japanese ships, bringing to 682 the number of Japanese vessels sunk or damaged since Pearl Harbor.

Continuing their attack on Pacific targets, Navy search planes attacked Pingelap, Ant, Ulal and Pakin islands in the Carolines, while other planes hit targets still in Japanese hands in the Marshalls.

ITALY

British troops regained a strong point on the west flank of the Anzio beachhead in Italy, and German thrusts on other sectors were thrown back this week.

Ship's Company Gains Two New Members

Specialist (M) 3c

Welcome on board is Mary Ann Pontius, Sp(M)3c from Wooster, Ohio. Specialist Pontius had ten weeks training at the Specialist (M) School in Sampson, New York and a month's training at the Fleet Post Office in New York City. Her hobbies are sports of all kinds and dancing. Specialist Pontius is engaged to Pfc James Berry who is stationed somewhere in Italy and she has a brother, Bill, in the Navy who is FCM3c assigned to the fleet.

Pharmacist's Mate 2c

PhM2c Jack Pollock was received aboard this station Tuesday 18 April and he comes from Great Lakes Naval Hospital where he has been stationed since September 1943. Pollock is a graduate of pharmacy from Albany University. He is a registered pharmacist in the State of New York and formerly owned a drug store there. He received his hospital training at Sampson Naval Hospital at Sampson, New York.

Debussy and Sibelius Provide Music Hour Entertainment

At the Music Hour Tuesday, 25 April, Prof. Carl A. Wirth of the ISTD music faculty will present "Afternoon of a Faun" by Debussy and Symphony No. 2 by Sibelius.

Lieut. Hall Visits USNTS At Great Lakes

Lieut. Elizabeth Hall, officer-in-charge of seamen, spent a short time at USNavTraSta Great Lakes recently. She saw several of the girls who left here with the last class and already assigned to their new jobs. The officer-in-charge who had interviewed the girls and assigned them their billets seemed quite pleased with the IOWAVES. Miss Hall saw the WAVE barracks and they were very nice with all the modern facilities a WAVE would appreciate and enjoy.

Seamen Are Guests At Sullivan Home

After an accidental meeting with Gen Marie Sullivan on the train from Chicago to Waterloo, Seaman Audrey Larson and Seaman Doris Bohmgren from Section 43 were invited to dinner at the home of the famous Sullivan brothers. The girls were delighted with the antics of little Jimmy Sullivan with his new puppy. Mr. Sullivan was at work on the railroad but "Mom" and Mrs. Al Sullivan entertained the girls with a delicious ham dinner.

Gen Marie Sullivan is now stationed at the Naval Recruiting Station at Rockford, Illinois. During her brief training at the Naval Training School at Cedar Falls, her billet was 354B, which happens to be the home address of Seaman Larson.

Graduates Hard At Work Shaping Up Seaman Show

The glamour of Tahitian nights, beautiful costumes, soft lights and then a quick journey to night life in Chicago will all be seen when the New Seaman Show "R.I.P." is presented in the auditorium, Sunday evening, 31 April.

For several weeks now the graduating seamen have been at work on this production to assure everyone an evening that will be long remembered.

Avis Blue and Arloine Lukat are the writers and are also directing and producing the play under the guidance of Ensign Ouida M. Luter. Yeoman 2c Flora Lemay is in charge of costumes and properties. The art of tap, toe and ballet dances will be demonstrated. There will also be many outstanding soloists and a large chorus of seamen singing boogie woogie, ballads and popular melodies.

"Begin The Beguine" Most Popular Song of Trainees

"Begin the Beguine" is the song Cedar Falls WAVES want to hear. It is the winner on this station of the song-poll sponsored by the Third Naval District to determine the WAVES' favorite popular song which will be played early in May over the Mutual Broadcasting System on the Jack Berch program. Second choice was "Star Dust" and third choice was "Poinciani".

Three Seamen Receive Letters of Commendation

Letters of commendation have been received by the following girls for actively assisting in recruiting one or more members to the Women's Reserve:

Beverly Joan Heilig, section 44 for one recruit; Mary Louise Kramer, section 24, for two enlistments and Claire Lillian Gregory, section 24, for one.

Will Serve Refreshments At Saturday's Dance

Next Saturday night immediately following the movie, there will be a dance in the women's gym for all WAVES and Cadets. Ensign Alice Goodenow, officer-in-charge of the dance has made plans for punch and cookies to be served during the evening.

MOVIES

WEEK END 22-23 APRIL

SATURDAY

1930—"Rationing"—a comedy with Wallace Beery, Marjorie Main, and Donald Meek. "War Dogs"—a technicolor cartoon and News.

SUNDAY

1400—"Song of Russia"—a drama with Robert Taylor, Susan Peters, and John Hodiak. "The Uninvited Pest"—a technicolor cartoon. March of Time.

U S O

WEEK END 22-23 APRIL

Dancing to favorite records, ouija board, jigsaws, checkers, darts, facilities for writing letters, good food, and best of all—a place to relax. Cedar Falls, corner Third and Clay Streets.

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EDITORIAL

By Their Actions You Shall Know Them

The little courtesies of life still make a big impression. As WAVES, living a life far removed from civilian days, we have a tendency to forget this at times.

For instance, at the movie on week-ends, there has been so much talking in the audience occasionally, that it is almost impossible to hear the program. True, this is a WAVE function, but it is discouraging to go in hopes of relaxing and seeing a good movie and be unable to hear because of the chatter.

Another courtesy which we should observe is to make way for the college students on the ladders. They have the responsibility of getting to classes on time as well as we have, and having to wait for several sections to go by is quite an inconvenience.

Recently on a bus to Waterloo, a WAVE gave her seat to an elderly woman. "I think the WAVES is a very fine organization," the woman remarked to a friend. This is an example of the many small ways in which we can instill confidence in other people toward women in the service and specifically toward the WAVES.

Little marks of thoughtfulness should also be shown toward each other. Living in crowded conditions under the strain of a rushed schedule, we are inclined to think, "Every man for himself." But some of us are more fortunate than others. A whiz at typing and shorthand could easily lighten the load for another shipmate by giving her a helping hand in the routine matters of the day.

BARTLETT BINNACLE

A Captains Mast was held Monday morning for Mabel Gladys S4c. Seaman Gladys was charged with conduct unbecoming a member of the Women's Reserve and was highly reprimanded for creating a disturbance last Saturday night. The disturbance caused several officers and a pharmacist to mate to relinquish a good part of their free evening. It was later discovered that Seaman Gladys was not entirely at fault, since Seamen 2c Winnifred Lux, Mary Marshall and Rose Kirtrell were responsible for her actions. They have confessed to their part in the crime and say that Seaman Gladys is only a "dummy".

Section 21 can be proud of their Petty Officer Constance Gaspar who along with her many duties has taken upon herself the job of training animals. The only weapons that "Connie" uses are as follows: One mouse trap, one piece of cheese and one shoe.

I have been asked to announce that Seaman Leona R. Filer was at home to her friends last week end. Seaman Filer was greatly missed in the city of Waterloo.

"Boots-and-Havelock Curto" has been modeling the uniform of the day for the seaman in her section and what Seaman Curto does to the modeling profession only John Powers could express.

Jane Mathews S2c, Section 43 re-

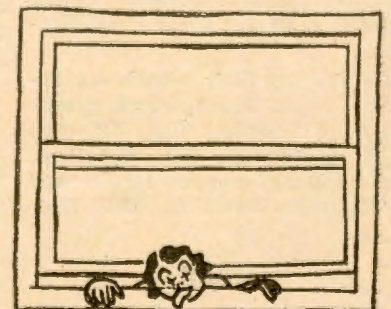
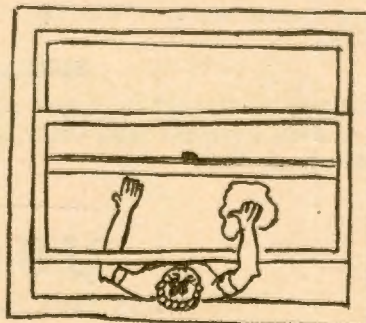
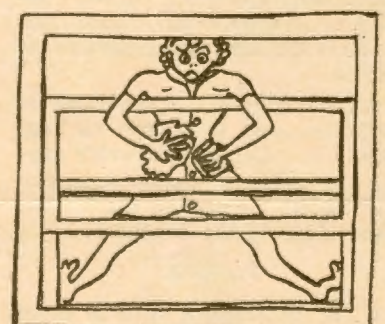
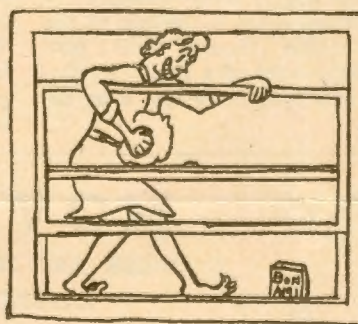
ceived word last week that her brother Sgt. Roy D. Mathews, now stationed at Guadacanal received the OAK LEAF CLUSTER 5 April, 1944. In December 1942 Sgt. Mathews was awarded the Purple Heart. He is now beginning his fourth year in the army.

Vera McGarvey Section 24 also has a hero in her family. Her brother-in-law, who is in the Army Air Corps stationed in the South Pacific has received a Distinguished Service Cross for having participated in five major battles.

Many Happy Returns of the Day go to Margaret Kappelman who was married one year ago last Wednesday. Her husband, Herman C. Kappelman Electrician's Mate 1c is now stationed on a submarine in the South Pacific.

We have everything in the WAVES. Now its a Pin Up girl. Helen B. Ewart, Section 44 did her part to cheer the boys "over there" by doing work as a photographers model in Los Angeles, California before enlisting. Helen's photographs typified the "American Girl" and many of the shots were sent to England.

"Make sure you get your correct size, when you get your new sweat shirt. They only have one size, but woe be it if it doesn't fit you."



Friday

Night

Bowers, SK3c, Takes Vows With USCG Man

Another member of ship's company will be going down the "ways" (aisle, in the best tradition) this week, launching on life's great adventure. Katherine Bowers SK3c will be married in Hartford, Conn., on Saturday, 22 April while on a ten-day leave. The groom is G. William Miller of the Coast Guard, so it is to be strictly a Navy affair.

This is the culmination of a romance of long-standing for these two grew up together in Minneapolis and have been going together for about four years. Bowers has been on this station since 17 July, 1943, and was trained in Boston where Mr. Miller has been stationed for two years.

Storekeeper Bowers has chosen whites for the ceremony which will be held in a Catholic church in Hartford where the groom's family are now living. Following the wedding there will be a reception. They plan on a honeymoon in New York.

Dress Right, Dress!



Some Summer Suggestions

As summer approaches, WAVES start thinking about summer clothes and what to wear and what not to wear.

On the campus, in public buildings, and on the street, hats and gloves must be worn at all times. In a private garden or on a porch at home they may be removed. When taking a picture, the hat may be removed. It must be immediately put on when through. No roaming through the campus with hats or gloves in hands, even if there is a balmy breeze blowing this way. When in summer work uniforms black gloves may be carried.

Sport clothes include the regulation gym suit and sweater or uniform of the day. If riding, wear jodphurs or slacks. Never salute if you are not in full uniform. Remember to salute officers if they are in their sport clothes. Believe it or not they can relax!

Future Yeomen Have Russian Chinese and Ballet Background

EAST MEETS WEST

When news is printed of heroic Russian advances against the Germans, and stubborn Chinese resistance of Japan, the uncanny strength of these two countries is understood by Ann Smagin. Ann is a seaman in Section 24, and, after an interview with her, the world seems to become much smaller than previously conceived. Such interesting people have landed on this dry-land vessel!

Michael Nicholas Smagin, Ann's father, was born in Russia, and was a first Lieutenant in the White Army, or Army of the Czar. However, after the Red Army assumed the reins of government, Lt. Smagin busied himself with preparations to leave the country. Of course, he could have stayed around and invited public execution by a firing squad, but he and his young wife, Sophia Moschevitin, had a desire to live. They safely crossed into China and there established a new home. Ann was born twenty-two years ago in Harbin, Northern China, where her father was employed by a large Chinese department store.

Ann remembers vividly the Chinese women who had their feet tightly bound, and their oriental form of dress. She lived in the European section of Harbin, and remembers, too, how industrious are the Chinese and the vast distinction between living conditions of wealthy families and those less fortunate.

Ann is an only child, and attended private school in Harbin for a short while, but, in 1930 her parents made the decision to come to the United States, for they were anxious to live in this land of equal opportunity. They chose San Francisco, and it is here that they have lived for the past fourteen years.

Although Ann was only eight at the time of the crossing, she has not forgotten the excitement of the trip. They traveled on the Asamu Maru, of the N.Y.K. Line, a Japanese luxury liner, and Ann's sea-sickness was quite forgotten in the fact that on this same boat were the screen idols Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, America's Sweethearts. She can still recall the aura of glamour which naturally followed this famous couple, the flowers and the many gifts presented before sailing and while enroute.

The crossing required stops both in Japan and the Hawaiian Is-

BALLERINA YEOMAN

Formerly a member of the San Francisco Opera Ballet Company, Marie Louise McPherson, now a member of Section 13, at the age of 21 has already led a varied and interesting life, not to mention the new venture that lies ahead as a Yeoman in the WAVES.

Marie has studied ballet since the age of three and while in Europe in 1929 with her family tried out for the French Ballet, but was just below the age limit to be accepted. At the age of 14, Seaman McPherson, started in the school for the San Francisco Opera Ballet at the same time studying Spanish dancing with Jose Casino, formerly of the Royal Spanish Dancing Family.

Not content to have mastered the art of Ballet, Marie decided to delve into the field of journalism together with studying secretarial work. It was then that she realized her real interest was in the business world, thus after attending business school obtained a position as secretary to the Vice President of the U.S. National Bank in Portland, Oregon, her home town.

Meanwhile, dancing had more or less become a hobby and Seaman McPherson appeared in recitals and USO shows all over the state of Oregon with the Young Oregonian Troupe and during these engagements the urge to become a living part of the reserve services of the U.S. finally won out over ballet, business and the boredom of every-day existence. But even now in the WAVES, Marie contends that after years of study and many hours of hard work, and practice to perform in precision-like manner the art of Ballet, the traditions and high standards of the Navy are amazingly similar as even in Ballet School there were penalties for errors in technique talking, or being late to classes and failing to practice new steps (sounds very familiar, doesn't it—wonder if they had a "Ballerina Tree"?)

lands. She remembers the Islands as being beautiful in their color, but recalls more distinctly the cold and gloomy night on which they landed in California. Due to routine quarantine restrictions, they were routed through Angel Island rather than directly embarking, but this did not dim their enthusiasm to see their new home.

Upon reaching California, Ann's father became associated with the

WAVES Visiting Cedar Rapids Should Not Miss Grant Wood Art Show

WAVES with time on their hands during a weekend liberty in Cedar Rapids will find nothing so cheerful as a visit to the large collection of Grant Wood paintings in the lovely old colonial home of Mr. Turner in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He owns the finest private collection of this world famous Iowa painter. Mr. Turner was a close friend of Grant Wood, as Wood lived in his garage apartment while completing his most famous paintings of Iowa farm life. It was Mr. Turner who encouraged Wood to paint the land he loved and knew best.

After Grant Wood returned to America from his studies in France under the sponsorship of the business men of Cedar Rapids, his painting took on life and color and the Gothic Art with its sharp relief and brilliant purplish hues appeared. Such famous paintings as the 'Doctor's Hands' and 'The Shoes' are among the collection of Mr. Turner, who enjoys showing friends and guests around the Chapel of his Funeral Home at the corner of Southeast Second and Eighth Street in Cedar Rapids.

"What's My Name?"

On Friendly Hour Program

Friendly Hour Sunday night in East Lounge from 1830 until 1930 will present 'What's My Name'—a quiz program with prizes awarded for the correct answers.

Ever hear about the ram that committed suicide when he heard Frank Sinatra sing "There will never be Another Ewe"?

Sea Island Sugar Refinery, a position which he now holds. Ann attended public and grade school in San Francisco and completed three years work in San Francisco State College, where she was an English major. Ann speaks Russian fluently and also reads and writes it. She wonders if there is anyone else on the station with whom she can "brushup", and hopes she will not completely forget this language.

Ann has never before done any secretarial work, but she thinks shorthand is interesting, and is anxious to get out on her first official assignment. She likes Iowa, but more or less agreed that the weather is not "quite what it is in California." Would the Chamber of Commerce like to hear that?

Sport Chatter

New Recreation Schedule

A new recreational schedule has been outlined and will become effective this week according to Ensign Alice Goodenow, recreation officer. All previous administrative notices concerning recreational activities are cancelled and the following schedule becomes effective this week end:

Consult Administrative Notice 5-44 on bulletin boards.

Swimming

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1630-1745. Saturday and Sunday at 1600-1700.

Tennis

Courts 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are reserved for military personnel at the following times: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after 1630. Tuesday and Thursday after 1750. Saturday and Sunday all day.

Softball and Volleyball

Fields adjacent to women's pool.

Ping Pong and Badminton

Room 214G in the women's gym.

Equipment may be obtained from the physical training office in the women's gym and returned at the following times:

Obtained:

Monday thru Friday 1630-1730
Saturday ----- 1330-1600
Sunday ----- 1400-1600

Returned:

Monday thru Friday 1900-1915
Sunday ----- 1900-1915

Equipment may be checked out over Saturday to be returned Sunday.

Bowling, Riding, Golf, Roller-Skating

For complete information consult Administrative Notice 5-44 on company bulletin boards.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Plans are being made for an informal softball tournament to be played the week of 24 April.

Games will be arranged by the platoon leaders through Ensign Alice Goodenow, recreation officer. Each platoon may challenge any other platoon it wishes to play. Games will be played either during liberty 1630-1730 or in the evening liberty period at the convenience of the participants.

Check the IOWAVE for the results of the games next Friday.

Lieut. Nancy Pyper Writes of Her Impressions on Visiting Cedar Falls

"The Tiddy Times" for February-March, a publication of the WRENS published in Ottawa, Canada and edited by Lieut. Nancy Pyper has just recently been received on this station.

Lieut. Pyper was guest graduation speaker here on 7 February and was greatly impressed by the spirit of the WAVES in training. Three pages of the booklet are devoted to the story of Mrs. Pyper's visit here in an article entitled "Those Wonderful WAVES."

Lieut. Pyper says:

"Late in February I arrived in New York after a whirlwind tour through two great United States Naval Establishments. When I got off the train at Grand Central, I almost bumped into a Canadian WREN. A red cap had caught up my bag and was racing off with it, though I had given him no destination. In a moment I would lose all track of him. As I started to run, I called back to her: 'Hello! How do you like the WAVES?' She laughed as she saluted. 'I don't she called back, her eyes dancing,' I am mad about them!"

"I had never seen her before, and I may never see her again, but am very grateful to her. She had clarified my feelings perfectly. That was exactly how I felt. I, too, am mad about the WAVES."

The Happy Ship

"... The Commander, Lieut. Hall, and I chatted about Canada and the WAVES. Suddenly I became conscious of singing, and realized that it had been going on for some time past. Now it was coming on full again. I looked in the direction of the windows. The Commander smiled. 'It's our Yeomen on their way,' he said, 'Would you like to watch?' We hurried to the windows."

"... They were marching superbly, shoulder in line with shoulder, arms swinging rhythmically, and each voice lifted in song. They were singing 'Here Comes the Navy', singing it as I had never heard it sung before. The voices of those girls would have brought a cripple running to see them. They had hardly passed before we heard the voices of the next platoon. This time it was the great song of the Marines, 'We're marching right on, we're marching right on again.'"

Boots and Basic

"... When I spoke of our beginnings, of the first days of service life; of the long marches in the bitter cold of winter, and the heat of summer; of all the things that went to make fine seamwomen out of poor bewildered landswomen, they chuckled in appreciat-

ive remembrance. Their initial training is called Boots, ours Basic but they mean the same thing.

In the morning, I had the privilege of travelling on the special train that took them on their first leave before reporting for their first job with the Navy. Again they sang their songs. Songs of the sea, ships, and the men who fight in them. At the last they sang 'For She's a Jolly Good Fellow' and when I finally said goodbye, there were tears in my eyes. They are very proud of Canada's WRENS. Canada may well be proud of them."

Meet the Specialists

Specialist 2c Helen Whiteside

Straight from Texas, and with many a tall western tale to prove it, Specialist Helen Whiteside, attended Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, and received her B.A. and B.S. degrees from East Texas State Teacher's College, Canyon, Texas.

Before enlisting in the WAVES at Dallas 26 September, 1943, Miss Whiteside headed the science department at the Canyon High School, in addition to supervising visual education in the Canyon public schools.

On 28 February, 1943, Miss Whiteside reported to Cedar Falls, Iowa, eagerly anticipating the world outside of Texas which she would soon see! But destiny and BuPers had other plans! "The world outside of Texas" became Iowa for Seaman Whiteside! She emerged from the last indoctrination class held at Iowa State Teacher's College as Specialist Whiteside, and has been a popular and capable member of ship's company ever since!

Currently, Helen Whiteside, Sp. 2-c, is in charge of Section 31, where her always dependable wit and humor have lightened the load for more than one struggling beginner in the art of Gregg.

Incidentally, Miss Whiteside still has hopes about that world out-

side! Her top ambition is to shake the hand of that woman whom we all so greatly admire, Captain Helen McAfee, but, in a running race with this ambition is the hope someday "To see the ocean, any ocean—just so there's water in it, and to see a ship, any ship—just so it floats on water!"

Specialist 3-c Augusta Watkins

"Cedar Falls produces the best Yeoman Petty Officers in the Navy, I believe, and I am proud to be attached to it "enthusiastically declared Specialist 3-c Augusta Watkins adding, "I greatly enjoy my work here and the associations I have with the trainees and officers."

Specialist Watkins entered Cedar Falls in February of 1943 when it was still a boot school, and immediately upon graduating in April became a Specialist.

Mrs. Watkins was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and at the age of six moved to Sunbury, Pennsylvania. She entered East Stroudsburg State Teacher's College in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and there majored in health and physical education and minored in geography. Following her graduation, she did substitute teaching in physical education, and acted as counsellor and recreational director in a summer camp for girls.

For the five years previous to joining the Navy, Specialist Watkins worked in the Bureau of Employment and Unemployment Compensation in Harrisburg, Pa., where she was receptionist and interviewer, and later supervisor of an office force of twenty. She has been married for five years, her husband being in the Army and stationed at school in Springfield, Missouri. Her decision to join the WAVES came after his induction into the service.

While in Sudbury, Pa., she was a member of the Little Theater Guild, and took an active interest in producing plays. She makes a hobby of collecting books, of which she has over a hundred at present.

A SHARE IN VICTORY

Hail to the sailors tall, who give all
Their strength, their skill, their blood.

That you and I may still be free
And go on doing good.

Yes, for us they dare to go

O'er shark infested seas

To shield our land from Hitler's band,

Or Japanese decrees.

What should we do, both I and you

As people of a nation,

But use our money to back our men

Who fight with righteous indignation.

By Mary Jo Baird, S2c